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## **EXPIRING \$200,000 POWERBALL TICKET CLAIMED BY PITT COUNTY MAN JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME**

**-Powerball Jackpot Grows to \$105 Million-**

**RALEIGH**-With less than two full business days left before his \$200,000 Powerball ticket was set to expire, Ramin Farro of **Winterville** claimed a prize he hadn't even realized he'd won for the past six months. Farro bought a Powerball ticket for the July 9 drawing when he was visiting a friend of his in Greensboro. He says he plays occasionally, but put the ticket away on his dresser at home and quickly forgot about it.

Then he got a call last week from the same friend in Greensboro urging him to check the numbers on his ticket. His friend had seen the reports of an expiring ticket bought at the Wilco on Lawndale Avenue in Greensboro, where Farro had purchased his ticket. All five white balls matched, making his ticket worth \$200,000.

Farro called the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) headquarters to confirm the numbers, and then traveled to Raleigh on Friday to claim his prize. He says he will use the money for investments and maybe take a vacation.

In Saturday night's Powerball drawing, two tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball. The normal payout for this combination is \$10,000, but one of the two tickets was Power Played and is worth \$30,000 since the Power Play multiplier for the drawing was three. This ticket was sold at Country Cupboard on Statesville Boulevard in **Salisbury**. The other ticket was not Power Played and is worth \$10,000. This ticket was sold at Fuel Doc on U.S. 64 Alternate West in **Rocky Mount**.

A total of 47,305 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Saturday, Jan. 3 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$30,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$392,281. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Wednesday, Jan. 7 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$105 million.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$4.6 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Friday, Jan. 2. Also since Friday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$102,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$1 million in prizes.

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Winners in the Jan. 3 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$30,000	Country Cupboard 2010 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury
Christine Lloyd	Speed	\$10,000	Fuel Doc 14443 U.S. 64 Alt. W., Rocky Mount

Winner in the July 9 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Ramin Farro	Winterville	\$200,000	Wilco #304 3800 Lawndale Ave., Greensboro

Winners in the Dec. 31 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Tosha Swinney	Wilson	\$10,000	Cruizers 3601 Raleigh Road Pkwy. West, Wilson

Winner in the Nov. 29 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Merrill Green	Charlotte	\$10,000	Blanchard's Shell 5721 Carmel Rd., Charlotte

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Larry Brown	High Point	\$50,000	"Jr. Big Ol' Bucks"
Todd Parham	Belews Creek	\$20,000	"Bah Humbucks"
Kenneth Laviner	Red Springs	\$15,000	"Rake It In"
Judy Baucom	Monroe	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Danny Congdon	Greensboro	\$10,000	"Silver & Gold"
Dianne Cooper	Whitakers	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Larry Curry	East Bend	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Monica Faulkner	Charlotte	\$10,000	"Double Your Luck"
Earl Haithcock	Raleigh	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Omega Holliday	Asheville	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Kenneth Owens	Lenoir	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Steven Wallace	Mt. Holly	\$10,000	"Winning Fever"
Tera Kimsey	Oakboro	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
John Watkins Jr.	Rockingham	\$7,000	"Supers 7s"
Cleveland Wortham	Oxford	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
Kathy Baucom	Charlotte	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Jesse Page Jr.	Willow Springs	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Glen Swerdlow	Matthews	\$5,000	"Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"
Randie Whisnant	Morganton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

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**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	170

**Powerball Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	136
\$100,000 - \$10,000	752

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.